

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**COURT OF APPEALS**

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In the Matter of J.A., Minor.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

LYDIA M. JONES,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

DEMETRIUS ALLISON,

Respondent.

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In the Matter of G.M. and T.T., JR., Minors.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

LYDIA M. JONES,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

TIMOTHY THOMAS and JOHN MEEKS,

Respondents.

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No. 243170

Berrien Circuit Court

Family Division

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Before: Smolenski, P.J., and Cooper and Fort Hood, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the trial court order terminating her parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (c)(ii), (g), and (j). We affirm.

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that §§ 19b(3)(c)(ii), (g), and (j) were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Sours*, 459 Mich 624, 633; 593 NW2d 520 (1999); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). The evidence established that respondent-appellant remained in a severely abusive relationship with J.A.'s father and gave birth to another child that he fathered while the children remained in relative placements. In addition, respondent-appellant admitted having intercourse with J.A.'s father a few weeks before the termination hearing concluded. The record was replete with evidence regarding the harmful effects of the domestic violence on the children.

Further, because at least one ground for termination was established, the trial court was required to terminate respondent-appellant's parental rights unless it found that termination was clearly not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357, 364-365; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). The trial court's finding regarding the children's best interests was not clearly erroneous. *Trejo, supra*.

Affirmed.

/s/ Michael R. Smolenski  
/s/ Jessica R. Cooper  
/s/ Karen M. Fort Hood